

NOTED LABOR LEADER
WILL SPEAK HERE

President Samuel Gompers, of American Federation, at Academy To-morrow Evening.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, who will deliver an address at the Academy to-morrow night, is president of the American Federation of Labor, an organization numbering 2,000,000 members. He is, perhaps, more conversant with the conditions of labor than any man in the country. He has traveled extensively in different sections of the world, and is in a position to give much accurate information as to the conditions in different sections. The Committee of Arrangements have made every preparation for the accommodation of the public at the Academy to-morrow night. There are no admission tickets, but the hall will be thrown open to the public, and a cordial invitation is extended to citizens generally to be present. A number of prominent citizens, including State and city officials and employees, have been invited to occupy seats and the rostrum.

Mr. Gompers will arrive in the city Monday at 2:05 P. M. and will be met at the depot by Messrs. J. M. Ryan and W. H. Mullen and escorted to the Richmond Hotel. He will visit the most prominent places of interest in the city, especially the State and city buildings, in the afternoon. Mr. Gompers will leave the city Tuesday at noon for Norfolk, where he will deliver an address at night.

GAS WAS FATAL.

Miss Johnson Dies as the Result of Asphyxiation.

Miss Kittie Johnson, who, together with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Omohondro, was found Friday morning in an unconscious condition from inhaling gas, died on yesterday evening shortly after 6 o'clock from the effects of gas poison. Mrs. Omohondro will recover.

The gas that proved fatal to Miss Johnson entered the bedroom through an unused flue, which connected with the cellar, in which there was a defective gas stove.

Mr. V. C. Johnson, of Chase City, brother to the ladies, was with his sister when she died. The body will be taken to the family burying ground in Louisa county, near Trevilians.

Mrs. Omohondro is an inmate of the Home for Needy Confederate Women, No. 3 East Grace Street. Her sister was visiting her there when the fatal accident occurred.

Supreme Court to Convene.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia will convene in this city next Tuesday for a term of about six weeks. It is expected that the opening day will be marked by an interesting ceremony, the presentation of a portrait of George Keith Taylor, for a quarter of a century clerk of the court. Judge L. L. Lewis, former president of the court, will preside over the presentation, and Judge James Keith, present president of the tribunal, will probably make the acceptance.

Perhaps the most general of interesting matters expected to come before the court at this term is the prospective application of Charles R. Fieburn, of Roanoke, contending for maintenance of a writ of error. Fieburn was given a five-year term.

Making a Hard Fight.

The case of Watkins vs. Robertson is still being tried in the Chancery Court, and will probably consume several days of this week. Both the parties to the proceeding are members of the Watkins-Cottrell Hardware Company, and the suit involves a majority of the stock of the concern. Lawyers on both sides are fighting hard for their clients, and the case is expected to be a very close one.

Manly Religion.

The big meeting for men at the Central Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be addressed by Dr. George J. Fisher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., physical director of the Brooklyn Association, physician and lending physician director of the United States. Dr. Fisher is a man of strong personal magnetism, a clear cut and impressive speaker. His theme will be "Manly Religion," a thing that strong men would like to hear about.

Daniel Did the Honors.

While in Washington the other day, Governor Montague went upon the floor of the United States Senate, and was very cordially received by Senator Daniel, who took great interest in showing the Governor around, and introducing him to his colleagues. The Governor spent the time pleasantly, chatting with the senators whom he met, and observing the movements of the body to which he is now aspiring.

Will Reopen the Powhatan.

An announced some time ago, Mr. A. E. White, a well known Virginia hotel man, will lease the Powhatan from the present lessee, Mr. R. E. Brady. Mr. White is in the city and is preparing to reopen the hotel next Wednesday. The hotel was closed recently, being used merely as a lodging house since then. The new proprietor will make every effort to make the property profitable, and will bring to the task ripe experience and an excellent record as a manager of such enterprises.

"Baby Nose" Arrested.

Tom Robinson, alias "Baby Nose," a negro well known to the police, was arrested last night by Sergeant Harbison, charged with breaking into the bar of P. Bonini, No. 617 East Marshall Street, and stealing "Fisher" whiskey. "Baby Nose" was a notorious character in the small and infantile sphere of his nose. His name is written in many places on the police record.

Mr. Dawson Talks.

Mr. W. N. Dawson, a well known Democratic politician of Nelson county, is in the city on private business. Mr. Dawson has been up to Washington for a few days and dropped by Richmond to visit some old friends. When asked concerning the political situation in Nelson county, he said he was certain the county would go for Martin, Swanson and Senator Bland Massie. He said also that Colonel Catton would get a majority for Lieutenant-Governor.

Says Strode Will Win.

Hon. Beverly R. Harrison, former member of the House from Amherst county, is in the city on private business. Mr. Harrison expresses the belief that Mr. Aubrey E. Strode will be the next State senator from the Nineteenth District, composed of the counties of Amherst and Nelson. Mr. Harrison also says that Governor Montague will make the run for the United States Senate in this county.

Notable Address Expected.

The Richmond Art Club will close its February entertainments with one of remarkable interest. It will be in the nature of a fine lecture on Tuesday, February 28th, at 8 P. M. in the class room, delivered by the Rev. A. J. Van Ingen, of Staunton, on "The Italian Artists of the Renaissance and Quattrocento, and Their Part in the Renaissance."

Farmer Kolner Has Grip.

Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolner was not able to accompany the lecture party during the past three days, having just recovered from a spell of the grip. He will join the party later in a series of lectures at Tidewater points.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones Here.

Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, after spending several days with his father, Dr. Wm. Jones, left yesterday afternoon for the University of Virginia, where he preaches this morning and to-night.

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